

**Pointed Paragraphs—Brief News
Notes—People at Home and
Abroad.**

The early Peruvians used clubs and war-bats in battle; also slings, for throwing stones. Skull-fractures must often have resulted. But apparently they trephined also for brain troubles, and possibly for other diseases, notes a medical authority. The surgeon of ancient Peru held the head of his patient between his knees, and with a sharp file sawed out the button of bone—an agonizing process, surely. Sometimes he filled the hole with a button of silver, or of molusk-shell, but more often he was content to cover it simply with the flap of scalp.

Under the primitive laws of the Kafirs of South Africa a similar provision is made, according to a writer. A considerable payment is made by the husband to the male relatives of the woman at the time of marriage. In legal theory this amount is the property of the woman and her children, the relatives receiving it as trustees for her benefit. Here, too, a man may divorce his wife at will and may demand back his dowry if there have been no children born of the marriage, but his children upon the birth of children. Obviously, where the status of the wife is entirely subject to the will of the husband and where the women has an enforceable claim against this property while it remains in the hands of her relatives, the birth of children furnishes the only assurance of security and independence for the wife.

"It's a nasty cough you've got," said the assistant.

"Yes," gasped Muggins. "Doctor says I've one foot in the grave now."

"I shouldn't worry," said the assistant. "You'll never get the other in; it's too big."

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